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UNCLAS JUNE 2 (PASS TO VOA) LEADING HIGH CIRCULATION LA PRENSA GRAFICA TODAY CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH EL SALVADOR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER HEADING : "IN THE U.S. THE IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY HAS DETERIORATED, SAYS BELTRAN G."

THE PAPER WAS REPORTING ON A STATEMENT MADE BY THE SALVADORAN DIPLOMAT ON HIS JUNE 1 ARRIVAL AT ILOPANGO AIRPORT ON A PERSONAL VISIT.

"SOME U.S. MASS MEDIA ARE CAMPAIGNING TO DISCREDIT SALVADORAN POLICY WHICH COULD HAVE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT FIELD" QUOTED THE PAPER ADDING THAT MR. FRANCISCO BELTRAN GALINDO HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THIS COULD INFLUENCE THE AMERICAN CONGRESS.

ACCORDING TO THE DAILY'S REPORT, GALINDO HAD EXPLAINED THAT "THE PUBLICATIONS WHICH HAVE DISTORTED THE REAL SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY HAVE ONLY PRINTED COMMERCIAL WIRE SERVICE REPORTS BUT TO DATE NO EDITORIAL COMMENTARY HAS ENSURED."

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THE SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR, RESPONDING TO A QUESTION FROM A STAFF WRITER, TOLD HIM HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD CONTINUE SERVING AS EL SALVADOR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. "I'M LIKE A SOLDIER" HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THAT SERVES WHEREVER HE IS REQUIRED." ON THE ISSUE OF AMBASSADOR LOZANO'S SUCCESSION, MR. GALINDO SAID NOTHING IS OFFICIALLY KNOWN IN WASHINGTON,

BUT THAT RUMOR HAS IT WILL POSSIBLY BE MRS. SALLY SHELDON WHO WAS A SENATOR'S ASSISTANT AND WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE POLITICAL CAMPAINING TO ELECT PRESIDENT CARTER".

SAID LA PRENSA GRAF EWX (SPANISH EXERPTS):

HEADING: "IMAGEN DEL PAIS EN ESTADOS UNIDOS SE HA DETERIORADO, DICE BELTRAN G." STORY: "EXISTE ACTUALMENTE EN DETERMINADOS MEDIOS DE DIFUSION DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, UNA CAMPANA DE DESPRESTIGIO SOBRE LA POLITICA SALVADORENA, AL CUAL PRODRIA REPERCUTIR NEGATIVAMENTE EN EL CAMPO DE LAS INVERSIONES." ASI LO DECLARO AYER EL EMBAJADOR SALVADORENO EN WASHINGTON, DR. FRANCISCO BELTRAN GALINDO, AL ARRIBAR AL AEROPUEROT DE ILOPANGO. DIJO QUE ELLO TAMBIEN PODRIA INFLUIR EN EL SENADO Y CONGRESO ESTADOUNIDENSES.

"LAS PUBLICACIONES QUE HAN TERGIVERSADO LA VERDADERA SITUACION DE NUESTRO PAIS -EXPLICO- HAN APARECIDO EN NOTICIAS CORRIENTES Y NO EN FORMA EDITORIALIZADA.

"AGREGO QUE LA DECLINACION DE LA SEDE DE LA 18 ASAMBLEA ANUAL DE GOVERNADORES DEL BID, SE DEBIO A QUE NO SE CONTABA CON LOS

MEDIOS PARA ALBERGAR A MAS DE MIL 200 DELEGADOS QUE ASISTIRIAN, Y NO POR MOTIVO POLCXICO ALGUNO. 'ULTIMAMENTE SE HABIAN AGREGADO TRECE PAISES MAS AL BID Y NO SE PODIA CUBRIR LA DEMANDA PARA ATENDER A LOS NUMEROSOS DELEGADOS' DIJO.

"EXPICO EL DR. BERTRAND GALINDO QUE SU VENIDA SE DEBIA A
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MOPVOS PARTICULARES...DETALLO QUE NO SABE SI CONTINUARA COMO EMBAJADOR EN WASHINGTON. 'SOY COMO UN SOLDADO QUE SIRVE DONDE ME MANDEN' DECLARO. REFERENTE AL NOMBRAMIENTO DEL VUEVO EMBAJADOR DE ESTADOS UNIDOS EN EL SALVADOR DIJO QUE ALLA NO SE SABE NADA OFICIALMENTE, PERO SE RUMORA COMO POSIBLE EMBAJADORA A LA SENORA SALLY SHELTON, QUIEN FUERA ASISTENTE DE UN SENADOR Y QUE PARTICIPO EN LA MAPANA POLITICA DEL PRESIDENTE CARTER."
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